

## Lawmaker Raps With Inmates Two Of Five Lifers Favor Death Penalty

By DON HOENSHELL  
JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Two of five convicted murderers in Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson say they would favor some specified form of capital punishment.

They made the comment in a rap session inside the prison with Rep. Kirby Holmes, R-Utica.

A resolution by Holmes allowing the death penalty for first-degree murder is in a House committee along with a restricted death penalty plan of

Rep. Joyce Symons, D-Allen Park. The House last week voted against forcing Mrs. Symons' measure out of committee.

Lifer X, serving his sentence for one of Michigan's most sensational murders in modern history, said he would go along with Mrs. Symons and execute killers of policemen and firemen.

"I would say I would have to go along with what the woman introduced, certain hijackers, killers of public officials, policemen and firemen in the line of duty," he said.

"I could go along with that because they're out there to do a job, like for example—these fires and looters and the fire engine comes and tries to put it out and they're shot at. I can understand that then!"

Holmes, accompanied by Rep. Ralph Ostling, R-Roscommon, taped part of the three-hour session with the inmates in the prison's individual treatment office, from which newsmen were barred.

Another inmate, Lifer Y, said he would support capital punishment in the case of heinous crimes against children.

"Right, the children, the rape of kids, killing children," he said. "That's the one."

The other inmates interviewed by Holmes and Ostling were vigorously opposed to capital punishment, using logic that Holmes said he found to be strange in a society that values life.

"For a guy that's easily conned, I didn't get swayed," Holmes said. "I came out with even stronger feeling that capital punishment is an answer."

"The cruel, diabolical, senseless execution type of thing tips the scales toward capital punishment. But I still don't delight in seeing a man dangling from a rope as many of our critics see us."

The tale of the tape shows some subtle modifications in Holmes' original view, a new consciousness that premeditated murder (first degree) is difficult to prove and is an unsatisfactory treatment problem.

Both Mrs. Symons' and Holmes' proposals have been voted down in the House constitutional revision and women's rights committee.

Holmes was surprised at the reasoning of the one first-degree lifer who said a holdup man must have bullets in a gun to achieve the advantage, that if the victim doesn't follow orders, it's suicide, not murder.

"It's you or him then," said Inmate X. "There is such a thing as self-preservation. If I was going to rob your bar and you know damn well the people in that bar have guns, right?"

"Every bar owner's got a gun someplace, right? Now if I tell you to put your hands on the bar, and you reach for a shotgun or underneath a towel, what am

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## Girl Friend's State Job Pays \$18,000

### Judge Del Rio Linked To Young Woman

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Free Press says an attractive, longtime girl friend of Detroit Recorder's Court Judge James Del Rio is being paid \$18,462 a year as a member of Gov. William G. Milliken's executive staff, but just what

her job is remains obscure. Before being appointed to the governor's eight-man executive staff, Glenda McGuire previously had been employed as a secretary to the clerk of the state House of Representatives, earning \$9,893.

The 27-year-old Miss McGuire has a high school education.

"She has a capacity beyond her educational achievement," said her boss, John T. Dempsey. Dempsey, who is considered one of Gov. Milliken's top aides, is the man who hired Miss McGuire. But he says he has given her no direct supervision in her work during the last six months.

Miss McGuire's only assignment during that time, according to Dempsey, has been to engage in random conversations with black people in Detroit to learn their feelings about public issues.

Dempsey doesn't spell out the issues and admits Miss McGuire's past experience and educational background don't



GLENDIA MCGUIRE  
\$18,000 Job

particularly qualify her for social research.

Unidentified sources in Lansing say she was appointed to the governor's staff as a favor to Del Rio, a former state legislator, for supporting Milliken in his successful 1970 campaign against Democrat Sander Levin.

When Del Rio was a state legislator, he listed 991 W. Grand Blvd. as his official mailing address. Miss McGuire listed the same address during that time. Until three weeks ago she listed her address as a Detroit house owned by Del Rio.

Dempsey said he was unable to show any progress of Miss McGuire's current project. He said it was left purposely unstructured, allowing her to choose at random when and where she would conduct inter-

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JUDGE JAMES DEL RIO  
Helps A Friend

Community Finance Co. of Benton Heights will be closed all day Tues. April 10, 1973 due to the death of its manager, Jack A. Hendricks. Adv.

## Rude Awakening

SHIMONOSEKI, Japan (AP) — Asachi Amine, 67, was jolted out of bed today and found a ship's prow protruding into his seaside home.

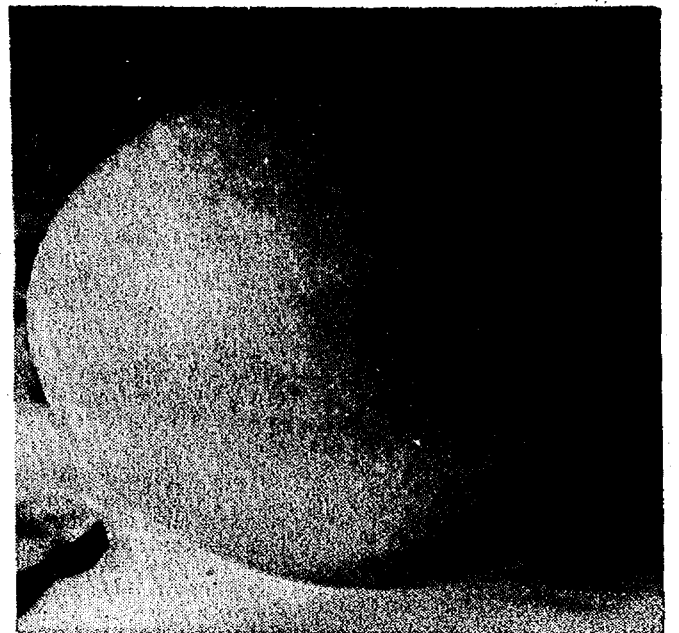
"At first I thought it was a truck that struck my home," said Amine, who lives between a highway and the treacherous Kammon Strait, in southwest Japan.

The Maritime Safety Agency said the 867-ton tanker Toko Maru was going through the strait when its engine failed. The current took the ship, brushed it against the 199-ton sake carrier Chidoro Maru, and then swerved it into Amine's two-story house.



**FARM WIVES BACK MEAT:** Some 125 southwestern Michigan farm wives, members of Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan (WSAM) spent some \$3,800 in Meijer Thrifty Acres supermarket in Kalamazoo Saturday buying meat. Their buying

spree was a counter attack in protest of the nation-wide meat boycott by "misinformed consumers". They demonstrated earlier outside the store. One sign carrier proclaimed "20 cents per lb. beef goes with 60 cent per hr. wages". (AP Wirephoto)



**EASTER BUNNY'S JOB ALREADY DONE:** From the steamy jungles and lofty peaks of South America comes a mundane-looking chicken that does the Easter bunny's job. It lays blue eggs (top right). One of these chickens (top left), known to breeders as Araucanas and colloquially as the Easter chicken, belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Cleatus

Neel of 3187 Townline road, Benton township. Mrs. Neel shows a grandson, Von Neel, 3, a common Leghorn chicken of about the same size. Mrs. Neel got the unusual hen from Al Lang of St. Joseph and plans to give blue eggs to Lang to hatch and raise as gifts to others. (Photos by Chief Photographer Charles Zindler)

## U.S. Court Order Halts Hearings On LMC Firings

BY BILL RUSK  
Staff Writer

A federal judge in Grand Rapids has issued a temporary restraining order postponing termination hearings scheduled today for fired Lake Michigan college faculty members.

Judge Noel Fox of U.S. Dis-

trict court issued the restraining order last Friday pending a hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. next Monday in Grand Rapids.

Atty. Roger Craig of Southfield, representing the Lake Michigan Federation of Teachers, said he went into court to enjoin the hearings on constitutional and technical grounds.

In his pleadings, Craig said he is claiming that teachers are entitled to a hearing before they are fired rather than being fired and then having a hearing.

Meanwhile, mediation sessions between the college and the former faculty members

were expected to continue today. Craig, Atty. Robert Claus, representing the college; Robert Small, LMC chairman, and Mrs. June Fieger, field

representative for the Michigan Federation of Teachers, were expected to participate in the (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



**ACTRESS' SON SHOOTS HIMSELF:** Actress Debbie Reynolds comforts her son, Todd Fisher in New York Hospital Sunday where the 15-year-old boy was taken after accidentally shooting himself while handling an antique 45-caliber revolver in Miss Reynolds apartment. An item the actress had bought for inclusion in her collection of movie memorabilia, the revolver was loaded with blanks but the wadding penetrated Todd's leg, just above the knee. (AP Wirephoto)

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## Editorial Page

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### Which Economic Class Gets Biggest Tax Break?

Mid-April's fair weather usually finds the nation's taxpayers in a foul mood. The family breadwinner fills out his federal tax return and drops it into the mailbox. Then he opens the newspaper and reads that 276 individuals with incomes in excess of \$100,000 paid no federal income tax last year. Surely, he fumes, the tax system—federal, state and local—is rigged in favor of the rich.

At least one major study disputes that notion. Working from 1968 income and tax data, Herman P. Miller and Roger A. Herriot of the U.S. Census Bureau concluded in 1971 that the group most favorably treated by the tax system is the one with the most taxpayers—the middle class. They reported that both the poorest taxpayers (those earning less than \$2,000 a year) and the richest (over \$50,000) paid 50 per cent or more of their income in taxes. In contrast, middle-income (\$6,000-\$25,000) taxpayers paid out around 30 per cent.

The man in the middle finds such figures unpersuasive. He reads about capital gains bonanzas and tax-free municipal bonds and does a slow burn. Yet he would man the barricades if Congress dared remove mortgage interest and local property taxes from the list of items deductible on federal returns.

This sort of attitude is the despair of those who advocate wholesale reform of the tax system. As Fortune magazine Editor Richard Armstrong notes: "The most glaring inequity in the present tax code is its application of different rates to different kinds of income. . . . Taxing all income at the same rates has the great merit of simplicity and openness. Such an approach could dispel at least some of the resentment, envy, and misunderstanding that now surround the subject

of income taxation."

But not all of it. Although federal tax rates may discriminate against one income group or another, they are at least uniformly applied throughout the country. The same cannot be said about state and local taxes. These tend to vary widely from region to region, and even from city to city within a single state.

A study issued last December by the Tax Foundation, an independent research organization, illustrates the point. Using 1970-71 figures, the foundation calculated the per-capita local tax load for the nation's 38 largest metropolitan areas. New York led the list, with a local tax burden of \$413.71 per person. Bringing up the rear was San Antonio, Texas, at \$106.37 a head.

The U.S. taxpayer can take comfort, if he cares to, from the fact that the over-all tax burden in this country is considerably lighter than that in many other developed lands. According to a study by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of 23 industrialized nations, the United States ranks 16th among the 23 in terms of total taxation as a percentage of gross national product. What the study showed, according to the OECD, "is the relative preference of a country for various kinds of public (that is, tax-supported) goods and services over private goods and services and the role of government in the redistribution of income through taxation."

But grumpy U.S. taxpayers respond more readily to figures like these: In 1973, the average American will work one hour and 40 minutes every eight-hour workday to pay his federal taxes. And it will take two hours and 39 minutes to earn enough to meet the combined federal, state and local tax bill.

### Reader's Letter Makes Us Research The Files

In a letter to the editor on this page, Suzanne Jo Long—an alumna of Benton Harbor High School—charges us with not providing adequate coverage this past season of Tiger football and basketball games. She feels we have "become partial to certain areas of the community, other areas seem to be slighted." She believes that St. Joseph, Lakeshore and other community teams got more pictures and better headlines than Benton Harbor teams.

Her letter sent us researching the sports pages for the past basketball and football seasons with these results: In basketball, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph played on the same night 13 times. In the next day's sports section, the Tigers received top billing eight times and the Bears five times.

St. Joseph held a 22-18 edge in game pictures used, a statistic mainly attributable to the fact that this newspaper does not send cameramen to take pictures of games played on distant courts. Such is the case when the Tigers travel to Traverse City, Grand Haven and Muskegon and the Bears' games at the two Portage schools and at Kalamazoo.

During the St. Joseph Christmas tournament, the Bears and Tigers

shared a headline when St. Joseph won their tilt. In the finals, when St. Joseph won the tourney championship, St. Joseph was named in the main line of a banner, while Benton Harbor—which won only a consolation game—was named in the "overline" of the same banner.

When the Tigers beat the Bears in the opening game of the Class A district tournament, Benton Harbor was all alone in an eight column headline.

During football season, when the Bears played 9 games and the Tigers eight, Benton Harbor game stories carried bigger headlines on seven of the eight games. In pre-game stories, Benton Harbor held a 4-3 top billing edge other than on one occasion when both stories carried the same size headlines.

Seven action pictures of the Tigers were used and 10 of the Bears. Three of the latter 10 were used, however, the day after Lakeshore High School defeated St. Joseph for the first time in history, playing the game for the first time at Lakeshore—a doubly historic occasion.

One specific point on which we have to agree with Miss Long is that the Benton Harbor basketball teams of 1963-64 and 1964-65 had more type and pictures than Tiger teams of the past year. The teams of eight and nine years ago were state champions, heralded throughout Michigan. In any sport, the champions command more "copy" than the rest of the pack.

Miss Long makes another point in her next to last paragraph with which we can also agree—that a newspaper should "be fair to all communities it serves."

Our sports staff tries to be fair as it covers 35 public and parochial high schools, plus two junior colleges, in the four counties this newspaper serves. But it is not uncommon for fans from some of the other 35 schools to wonder why Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Lakeshore and Lake Michigan Catholic get the most extensive coverage.

In view of Miss Long's own dictum to "be fair to all communities," her charges simply do not hold up.

### As Though You Could Forget!



MORRIS

## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### FAREWELL, LOVELY LADIES — 1 Year Ago —

Time has run out on the lead ladies who, somewhat pensively, welcomed thousands of visitors to St. Joseph.

Just as soon as the St. Joseph Public Works department can wheel out its crane the historical old fountain in Bluff park on Lake boulevard across from the Whitcomb Towers will be dismantled. The fountain was earmarked for moth balls in 1967, when Parks department workers tried to repair it and

found it was mostly rust held together by paint.

### SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR IS LEAVING — 10 Years Ago —

St. Joseph Band Director John E. N. Howard today disclosed his resignation as head of the high school band after 16 years here.

Howard will conduct the St. Joseph Municipal band when it opens its summer concert series June 30, but he said his plans for the future after that are indefinite.

### NAZIS FLEEING FROM ODESSA — 23 Years Ago —

The Russians pressed forward in a climactic drive today to capture Odessa, prize port on the Black sea, and Rumanian troops were fleeing the city they won at high cost in 1941.

The northeastern wing of a Soviet arc was less than 10 miles from Odessa. To the west, other Red army men were hammering down the left bank of the Dniester estuary, and were 13 miles from Ovidiopol, ferry terminus on the last rail escape route from the besieged city.

### HOME FROM SOUTH — 33 Years Ago —

M. W. Stock and his wife are home from Palm Beach, Fla., and while in the south visited John W. Needham, former St. Joseph postmaster, now of Fort Lauderdale.

### RE-ELECTED CAPTAIN — 49 Years Ago —

Captain Robert Barlow, who led the 1924 maize and blue basketball team through a successful season, was re-elected by his teammates as their captain for next year.

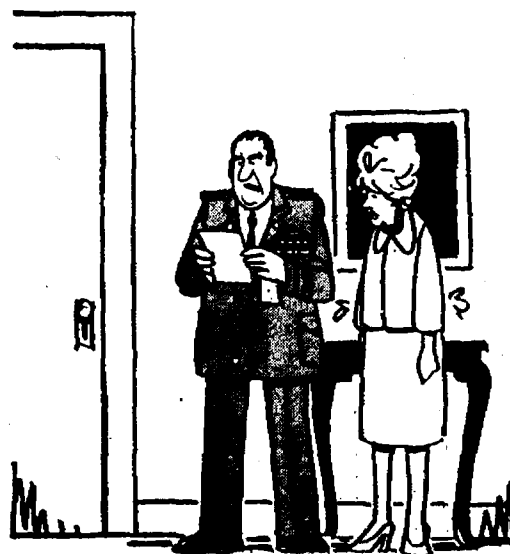
### ASSOCIATION MEETING — 53 Years Ago —

Delegates from the Concord Grape association of the nation, including Berrien county, are in session at Chicago to perfect organization of the American Grape Growers League. Hale Tennant, J. H. Burkhard, Frank Cupp and Arthur Carlton are the Berrien county men at the meeting.

### FRIENDLY COMPETITION — 83 Years Ago —

The Berrien Center Gun club braved the showers this morning and came down on the early train to engage in a friendly contest with the Audubon club, and the feathers have been flying at a lively rate from the clay pigeons.

## BERRY'S WORLD



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"It's a telegram from Georgie, at college. He's had a 'cost overrun,' again!"

## Ray Cromley

### Johnson Right Man For SALT



WASHINGTON (NEA) — If any man can, U. Alexis Johnson, most certainly can change the shape of the most important negotiations the United States is likely to be engaged in this decade — the second round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT II) with the Soviet Union.

Riding on these talks is our national security, world stability, the future of a dozen or two small nations, how the U.S. budget is allocated between domestic and defense and possibly whether there will be a world to live in.

With these points in mind, what about U.S. chief SALT negotiator Johnson?

He's the ablest career public servant I have known in 45 years of reporting. He divorces himself from pressure groups and special interests within the government. He is honest and refuses to let his personal emotions cloud his judgment. Significantly, he has divorced himself from any agency having a fixed position on the talks. A nonfanatic with a well developed sense for judging just what the United States can achieve in talks with an adversary, he doesn't let his concept of an ideal solution stop him from agreeing to the best treaty he believes is practically possible, with no illusions that he's getting more than a bundle of compromises. He is an indefatigable worker, respected highly even by those in this government and abroad who disagree with him, a man with more crisis experience in dealing with Communists than any other man in government.

He is a career diplomat, not a political appointee. Finally, Johnson is a man President Nixon and adviser Henry Kissinger trust, replacing a negotiator about whom Mr. Nixon's staff had certain undefined and unresolved doubts.

Negotiator Johnson will have a rough go correcting some of the now-recognized mistakes of the first SALT round.

High members of the administration now believe that some "facts" on which the negotiations were based were flawed data, developed in considerable measure by holdover analysts from the John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations. These men, emotionally convinced a new day had dawned in Russia, were therefore seemingly quite willing to make assumptions on Soviet weaknesses and U.S. strengths based apparently on wishful thinking. Some of the crucial analyses have now proved to be sadly incorrect, this reporter has been informed by men working with the National Security Council.

Most of this data, of course, is highly classified and has not been revealed. But it is known the Russians have been able, within a time period predicted as impossible, to produce very long-range missile submarines and operating computers for intercontinental ballistic missiles. The resulting administration disillusionment is in part back of the heavy reshuffling in the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and in other science slots through the government.

## Marianne Means

### Right Wingers On Go Again



WASHINGTON — There is a resurgence of right-wing political activity across the country. A variety of ultraconservative organizations are asserting themselves on a number of issues that range from women's rights to the Atlantic Union. No signs have appeared of national coordination, but individual groups seem stronger and more active than in recent years, when public attention was dominated by extremists of the Left.

They seem to be stimulated by a national mood of moderate conservatism and by Congressional and Supreme Court decisions that have provided suitable new vehicles for protest.

The John Birch Society, with a secret membership and an annual budget of approximately \$5 million, has zeroed in on two new targets — the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) and the effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

(ERA). The Birchers are busily organizing state committees to work for repeal of the law which created OSHA two years ago to enforce job safety standards. The Society views it as a means of "totalitarian harassment" of businessmen.

And in every state where the legislature is considering approval of the Equal Rights Amendment, Birchers and other right-wing organizations are lobbying vigorously against passage. In some states, several groups are at work with little effort at coordination. But in others, a loose coalition has been formed to fight not only ERA but other measures as well. In Missouri, for instance, a new right-wing coalition launched a campaign for a right-to-work law immediately after it successfully defeated an attempt to ratify ERA.

The Birch Society may also be cranking up for new leadership and an expanded national political role. Former Rep. John Schmitz, who was the American Independent Party nominee for President last year, recently resigned from that organization. He is expected to take over direction of the Birch Society from aging Robert Welch, who would retire.

A number of far-right organizations have been aroused by a Senate measure that authorizes the organization of an international convention, called the Atlantic Union, at which the NATO countries would seek new methods of cooperation. As the House prepared to vote on a similar proposal last week, Congressmen on a single day got protesting letters from Daughters of America, New Yorkers for the Constitution, the New Jersey Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Young Americans for Freedom, and the Conservative Party of New York State.

### FREE TRANSIT RIDES

PARIS (AP) — The City Council has voted to make Parisian subways and buses free to 250,000 senior citizens who don't pay income tax, but the transit authority has not given its consent.

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## BH Bands To Perform At Festival

### Four Schools Take Park In Wednesday Event

A festival of bands will be presented Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Benton Harbor high school gymnasium with three bands and 330 student musicians on the program.

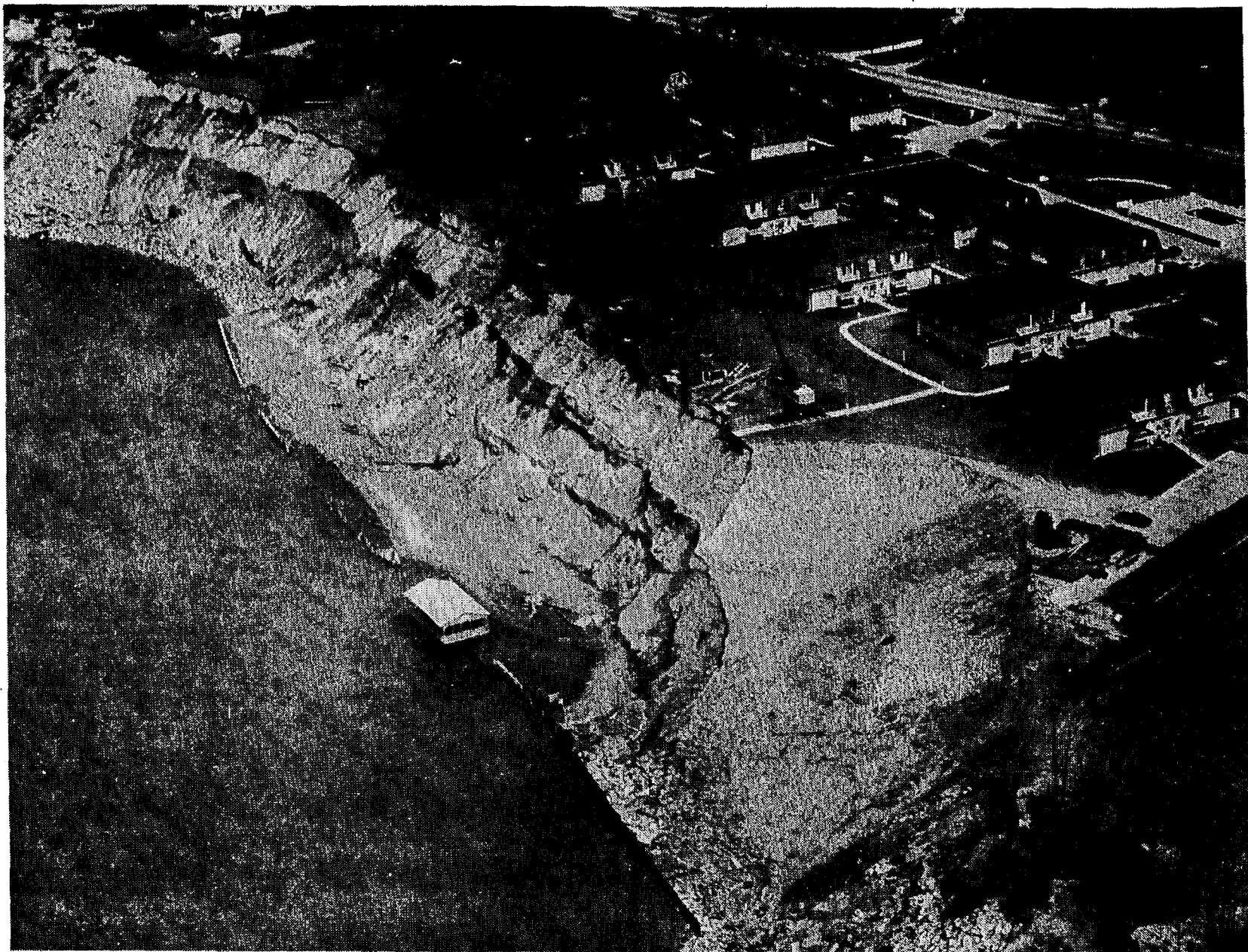
Performing groups will be three senior high school bands and a combined band of 155 members from the seventh and eighth grade centers of Hull, Sorter, Fairplain and Benton Harbor.

Clinton McChesney will conduct the senior high Concert and Symphonic bands. Mrs. Cox Julie will direct the Freshman band. Each group will perform two major works for the modern symphonic band.

The combined seventh-eighth grade band will be led by Mrs. Cox, assisted by Troy Jones and Gary Lester, members of the instrumental music department staff of Benton Harbor Area schools. Selections will be "Fantasy On A Fanfare" by John Edmondson and "Soul Trumpets" by James Ployhar.

The festival finale will be a performance by the combined senior high bands of 175, directed by Bernie Kuschel, coordinator of instrumental music for Benton Harbor schools. Selections will be the Carmen Dragon arrangement of "America The Beautiful," "Skier's Waltz" from Cinerama Holiday and the march "Grandioso" by Roland Seitz.

There is no admission charge to the festival.



**BUILDING NEW SEAWALL:** Construction began Tuesday on new 400-foot seawall on bluff at Bluffs apartments, 3626 Lake Shore drive, south Joseph. Wall will replace bulkheads destroyed by lake.

Crane and large pieces of steel (near carpools at far right) will be used during construction to shore-up the bank that has been gobbled up by Lake Michigan, according to Charles Thompson,

manager at Bluffs. Beachouse at center once had steps leading to top of bank. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

## New Exalted Ruler



CLAUDE E. LEDYARD

Claude E. Ledyard will become new exalted ruler of Benton Harbor Elks lodge No. 544 at installation ceremonies Saturday, April 14. Ledyard is part owner of Blossomland Window Sales. Other officers to be installed are: Fred Todd, leading knight; Michael Wells, loyal knight; Richard Hocking, lecturing knight; Charles Wade, secretary; D.W. Kibler, treasurer; Carl Swanson, tiler; Robert Gard and William Miller, trustees; Michael Davis, esquire; Jack Mucia, chaplain; William Baer, inner guard; William Winans, organist.

## SJ SCHOOL GROUPS WILL MEET

One of the most important advisory council meetings of the year for the St. Joseph school district is scheduled for Tuesday, Chairman William Rohn said today.

The meeting will be held at 7 p. m. in the Crafts room of Lincoln school, Orchard avenue, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Board of Education is scheduled to meet at the same place tonight at 7 p. m. with operating millage to be voted on at the June 11 annual election to be discussed.

The advisory Council will hear a report of the action taken by the Board of Education, elect officers and discuss the school budget control system.

The budget control system is being developed by the school's business manager in conjunction with the Intermediate School district's computer system.

BY RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Some 500 persons roared Sunday night when humorist Dick Gregory described his fast, crime, and world and national problems.

Roars of laughter turned to somber nods when the humorist spoke of flag-waving welcome home ceremonies for American prisoners of war, but no turn-outs for the servicemen who were shipped home maimed from battle wounds.

Gregory was joined by Gary, Ind., Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, both appearing at Benton Harbor high school for a benefit program.

The program was to raise money to help rebuild downtown Benton Harbor, help finance a community center, and provide other services for needy youths.

Sponsors were members of the newly-formed CharFreJos, a group named for Charles Freeman Joseph, mayor of Benton Harbor. Chairman is

Donna Cooke, while other key members are Dorothy Rodgers, Helen L. Ford, Virginia Fuller, and Christine Farmer. How much money was raised Sunday has not yet been determined. It was reported that CharFreJos are supporters of Mayor Joseph, as well as the city, and will be heard from often during the next year. Tickets for the benefit were \$3 advance \$3.50 at door.

Crime and the movie, the Godfather, produced a look of dismay.

"They think of crime and they think of us blacks. Then, they make the number one crime movie—the biggest money-maker—and there's not a black in it."

Gregory fasted, avoiding solid foods for about two years in protest of the Vietnam war. With servicemen at home, Gregory could spark some humor in the fasting effort.

"I don't think I'd do that again, if they resumed the

fighting in my living room; or even if Rhodesia attacked Harlem." The humorist, slim in conservative clothes Sunday, said he once topped the 288-pound mark. As to his fasting weight, he said only that it was tough to buy underwear in the children's department.

Other gambits:

"The world is going crazy. Arthur Bremer shot George Wallace and tried to prove himself insane. He was found sane and put in prison. Then, Tom Eagleton was trying to prove himself sane. If he would have tried to prove himself insane, he would have had a better chance to stay on the ticket."

"If Christ returned today, looking like the hippy he looked like before, he better have a better bag of tricks than before. What if Christ did return next week in America? He might close down the churches, saying, 'I'll speak for myself, now.'"

Gregory wasn't sure he would believe any books published by

McGraw-Hill, since Clifford Irving tricked that firm and Life magazine at the same time. But, Gregory wondered:

"Wouldn't it be something if Jack Anderson produced documented evidence that Clifford Irving's ancestors wrote the Bible?"

On the somber side, the humorist said no citizen should send anyone off to war to get maimed, and not be present with cheers when they return, maimed. He likened the POW ceremonies to mere politics, inasmuch as money earmarked for South Vietnam should go to improve veterans hospitals.

Gregory said a giant depression could hit soon, complete with bank closures, followed by violence in the cities. As to violence, Gregory doesn't like it, saying, if a gun is considered for use, it's a mere peashooter, compared to acts of nature. He cited current floods and the volcanic uproar last winter in Iceland.

Hatcher, elected mayor of Gary in 1967, was a frontrunner among black mayors. He noted that there are some 100 black mayors today, while there were none some five years ago.

Hatcher noted that among all mayors, there is a high mortality rate, citing the decision of New York's John Lindsay not to seek re-election. Hatcher called Lindsay one of the best, adding that the problems are just too complex.

Understanding complexities of cities is the major challenge for mayors, Hatcher said.

Gary has had its share of odd ball mayors, according to

Hatcher's review. He told of an early one who was indicted 14 times while in office, and of another, convicted and sent to a federal prison, only to return in three years and get re-elected.

Sunday's program, which ran close to midnight, included songs by the Celestial choir, Community Church of God in Christ, and the Benton Harbor high school Madrigal Singers; and a dramatic presentation by Mrs. Pearl Blaylock.

Virgil May, Benton Harbor mayor pro-tem, gave the welcome, and the Rev. Donald Adkins of the Second Baptist church, gave the invocation.

## Naval Reserve To Hold Reunion

Members of the Naval Reserve, 12th Division, who left Benton Harbor on April 22, 1941, for active service in World War II, will hold their annual reunion dinner on April 14 at St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

Reservations are due by April 10, and are to be made with Fred Baker. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., will be followed with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

## Injured Cyclist Found In Street

An unexplained bicycle accident that occurred Sunday at 9 a.m. on Wayne street, near Industrial avenue, St. Joseph, sent the cyclist to Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo where his condition was listed as fair.

Hospitalized was Robert Martin, 55, of 108 West Ridgway, Benton township, who was found on the street by a passing motorist. St. Joseph police said originally Martin was sent to Memorial hospital because of facial injuries and that Sunday afternoon he was transferred to Bronson.

Police said apparently there were no witnesses to the accident and they were unable to question Martin. They said the accident did not appear to result from the bike being struck by a car or the bicycle hitting some object in the road.



**HUMORIST WELCOMED:** Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph (right) welcomes humorist Dick Gregory at lectern, while seated, from left, are

Gary, Ind., Mayor Richard G. Hatcher and Virgil May, Benton Harbor mayor pro tem. and Mayor Hatcher were co-guests at CharFreJos benefit, at-

tended by some 500 persons Sunday, at Benton Harbor high school. (Staff photo)





**DISCUSS ISRAELI ANNIVERSARY:** Leaders of Berrien county Jewish Community Council discuss 25th anniversary of Israel Sunday with Shaul Ramati (center), consul general of Israel for the Midwest. At left is Martin Sorkin, vicepresident of Berrien council, while Rabbi Joseph Schwarz, president of Berrien council, is at right. Ramati, the highest official of the State of Israel in midwest,

described progress of Israel from founding to date. The event was held at Temple B'nai Shalom, Fairplain. Program also featured presentation of United Jewish Appeal Award of Merit to Joseph S. Caplan in recognition of the many successful Jewish Appeal drives Caplan has headed here. (David Arndt photo)

## Boycott Effect Being Digested

The meat boycott came to an indefinite end over the weekend, and today was the deadline for meat counters in all but the smallest stores to post ceiling prices for fresh meats and 25 kinds of processed meats.

Meat managers in a representative sampling of stores contacted in southwestern Michigan this morning said the boycott did not have a major effect on their sales last week. In fact, one manager termed the boycott a "flop" here.

One major store reported its meat sales were off about five per cent in the first part of last week. However, buying hit a strong pace in the final days as shoppers prepared for their weekend meals.

All but the smallest stores, those with annual revenues of \$100,000 or less, must post clearly visible ceiling-price signs near the items covered, according to the Cost of Living Council.

Ceiling prices must be listed for each cut of fresh meat; for 25 items representing 75 per cent of sales of processed meat, such as bacon, sausage and cold cuts; and for the 10 best-selling items of canned or bottled beef, pork, lamb or stew or soup containing meat.

A shopper who thinks the posted price is illegal should check with the store's personnel, said the council. If still unsatisfied, the shopper should call the Internal Revenue Service with such data as the price asked, whether signs were posted and the name and address of the store.

If an investigation revealed a violation, the IRS could impose price rollbacks and penalties.

Although the week-long meat boycott has ended without major retail price reductions nationwide, the possibility of further consumer action is still on a front burner.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., said on Sunday that a meeting of 50 consumer leaders is scheduled in Washington on Wednesday to discuss follow-up action.

Unless "meat prices are drastically reduced," the boycott should be extended to Tuesdays and Thursdays for the rest of April, the group said.



**LAKESHORE LIONS TO THE RESCUE:** When Tri-Unit Fire department of Stevensville had to borrow saw for cutting through metal roof from Baroda Fire department last December, Lakeshore Lions decided to buy one for the Stevensville department. A fire in The Village Square found firemen faced with job of cutting through metal roof to get at fire. The \$450 saw powered by a gas engine, weighing about 30 pounds, has blades for cutting through wood, brick or metal. From left are: Ed Wiessner, president of Lakeshore Lions; Ed Klug, assistant fire chief of Station No. 2, Royallton; Hack Starbuck, assistant chief of Station No. 1, Stevensville; Martin Tretheway of the Lakeshore Lions; and Lloyd Both, Tri-Unit Fire department chief. (Staff Photo)

## Crash Near Plainwell Fatal To Elkhart Man

PLAINWELL — Howard N. Palmatier, 25, Elkhart, Ind., was killed when he was thrown from a car which overturned on U.S. 131 just north of this southeastern Allegan county

at the wheel. The car left the right side of the southbound lane of the highway, crossed over to the left side, and overturned in the median, deputies said.

The accident occurred at about 3 a.m.

Palmatier was declared dead at the scene by Dr. Richard Plagenhoef, Otsego, deputy Allegan county medical examiner.

The death was the 10th traffic fatality reported this year in Allegan county.

Of the 12 other deaths in the state, six occurred during the first six hours of the Associated Press' weekend count. The count runs from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

The 12 were:

Phillip Esch, 20, of Mio, died when his vehicle struck a

parked truck Friday in Alpena County's Green Township.

Deborah Stephan, 16, of Grayling, was killed in a two-car collision Friday in Roscommon County's Garrish Township.

Jammie Stacy, 34, of Fowler, died in a two-car collision Friday in Clinton County's Lebanon Township.

Glenn Frank, 37, of Hillsdale, was killed in a head-on collision Friday in Hillsdale County's Cambria Township.

Richard Schander, 30, of Mackinac City, died Friday in a head-on collision in Marquette County's Ishpeming Township.

Bernard Butler, 22, of Marquette, was killed when his car ran off the road Friday in Marquette County's Sands Township.

Karen Kiefer, 20, of Menominee, died when struck

by an auto along U.S. 41 Saturday near her home town.

Edward Dodge, 25, of Flint, died Saturday on Michigan 13 in Pinconning when his car was involved in a rear-end collision.

Norville Hanson, 27, of Galesburg, was killed Sunday when his car overturned on the Kalamazoo business loop of Interstate 94.

Barbara A. Simons, 23, of Maumee, Ohio, died Sunday in a two-car collision in Washtenaw County's Superior Township.

Viola May Grover, 54, of Port Huron, was killed Sunday while riding in a motorcycle sidecar on Michigan 136 in St. Clair County's Kenosha Township.

Jill Diane Camp, 2, of Athens, died Saturday when the car in which she was riding ran off Michigan 66 in Calhoun County's Emmett Township.

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community early Sunday morning, Allegan sheriff's deputies reported.

The driver of the car in which he was riding had his seatbelt fastened and received no injuries, deputies said.

The death was one of 13 in the state over the weekend.

Deputies said the driver, Frank E. Smole, 24, also of Elkhart, reported he fell asleep

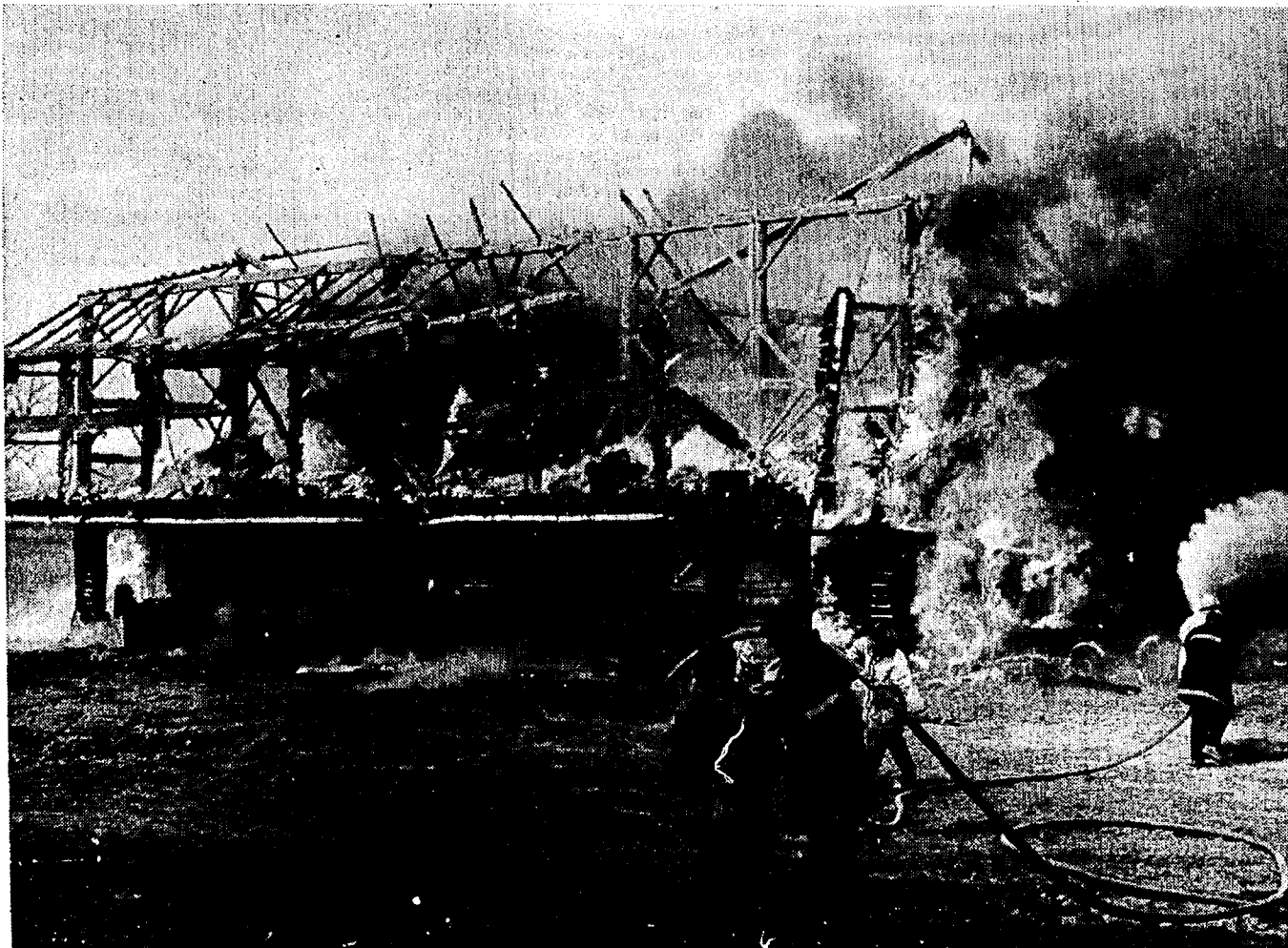
## Cycle Crash Injuries Fatal To Holland Man

HOLLAND — A man injured in a motorcycle accident on private property in the Allegan county portion of this city Friday died in Holland hospital Saturday afternoon.

Holland police and Allegan sheriff's deputies said Kenneth Looman, 49, of Holland, succumbed about 5 p.m. They said he had

been injured when his cycle fell while he was riding in a private parking lot off Washington avenue.

The officers said he rode the cycle home after the accident and then went to the hospital.



**CENTURY OLD BARN BURNS:** This 48 by 100 foot barn, built in 1867, by pioneers settling in Bertrand township, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Barn was on Maynard Polley farm, 2915 Chicago road, about two miles south of Buchanan. Adam Kuntz, Bertrand township fire chief, said fire apparently started after five children playing in barn tried to light candle in loft. Allen Kaiser, grandson

of Polley, and the five youngsters escaped uninjured. Farm equipment, hay and straw was lost. Nearby grainery was damaged. Firemen estimate loss will run into thousands of dollars. Firemen from four departments battled blaze. Mrs. Clarence Hartline, 2515 Orange road, said barn was built by her great-grandfather, Jacob Rough, in 1867. (Staff photo)



**DOWAGIAC LIBRARY ADDITION:** Ground was broken at 2 p.m. Sunday for addition to Dowagiac city library on Commercial street. Miller-Davis company, Kalamazoo, is expected to complete \$190,000 project in about nine months. During project, library is to operate from old railroad depot behind fire department on West Railroad street. Turning traditional first shovel of dirt are Mayor James Burke, left, and Francis Hiscock, chairman of city building authority while Miss Joyce Bashaw, library board president, and Mark Ames, librarian, watch. (Mike McDonough photo)